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SUBJECT: FY-77 IV PROGRAM: VISIT BY RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF A. STATE 186474 B. KIGALI 554

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT APPROVAL NOMINATION FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE FOR PARTIAL IV GRANT OCT 1976. AS NOTED REF (B) FONMIN ONE OF MOST SENIOR GOR OFFICIALS WHOSE VISIT TO U.S. IF PROPERLY PROGRAMMED, WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE VALUE U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES RWANDA AND IN SECURING SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION U.S. VIEWS WITHIN GOR RULING CIRCLE.

2. TERMS OF GRANT: EMB PROPOSES NSEKALIJE PARTIAL IV GRANT BE CLASSIFIED SPECIAL (VIP), EITHER CATEGORY B OR C (STATE A 4166) WITH PER DIEM EITHER DOLS 55 OR 50 PER DAY. DOMESTIC TRAVEL WITHIN U.S. SHOULD BE ON FIRST CLASS BASIS. NSEKALIJE HAS BENEFITTED FROM PROTOCOL TREATMENT NUMEROUS STATE VISITS AND IS SENSITIVE TO SLIGHTS. EMB AWARE DEPT COMMENTS REF A THAT IV NOT A STATE-LEVEL VISIT BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ALL DEPT EFFORTS ENSURE ACCORDED FULL RECOGNITION HIS POSITION AND THAT HE TREATED ACCORDINGLY.

3. BIO INFORMATION FOLLOWS:

(A) NAME: ALOYS NSEKALIJE

(B) SEX: MALE

(C) DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 15 AUG 2013] GICIYE,

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GISENYI, RWANDA

(D) NATIONALITY: RWANDAN

(E) ADDRESS: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION,
KIGALI RWANDA

(F) EDUCATION:

ECOLE D'OFFICIER, KIGALI, 1960-62

UNIVERSITY OF LOVANIUM, PREMIERE CANDIDATURE EN DROIT,
1959-60

COLLEGE DU SAINT ESPRIT, BUJUMBURA, DIPLOME HOMOLOGUE
DES HUMANITES GRECO-LATINES, 1953-1959

(G) PRESENT POSITIONS: MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
COOPERATION. LIEUTENANT-COLONEL IN THE RWANDAN ARMY

(H) SIGNIFICANT PAST POSITIONS: MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE
FOR PEACE AND NATIONAL UNITY WHICH LED THE 1973 JULY
5 COUP D'ETAT

(I) HONORS AND MEMBERSHIPS: NATIONAL ORDERS VARIOUS
COUNTRIES VISITED IN CAPACITY OF FOREIGN MINISTER

(J) PUBLICATIONS: NONE

(K) TRAVEL ABROAD: ON VARIOUS DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS FOR THE
GOVT OF RWANDA TO NEARLY EVERY PART OF THE WORLD,
INCLUDING UNITED STATES FOR UNITED NATIONS GENERAL
ASSEMBLY (NEW YORK/WASHINGTON ONLY), EUROPE, PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF CHINA, NORTH KOREA, ETC.

(L) KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH S-OPLUS R-OPLUS (COURTESY LEVEL
ONLY) ESCORT INTERPRETER NECESSARY.

(M) OTHER LANGUAGES SPOKEN: FRENCH, KINYARWANDA, SWAHILI

(N) MARITAL STATUS AND CHILDREN: MARRIED: EIGHT CHILDREN

(O) SPECIAL INTERESTS: SPACE EXPLORATION

(P) EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE: RWANDAN EMBASSY, WASH. D.C.

(Q) OTHER PERSONAL DATA: NOTED FOR HAVING GOOD COMMON
SENSE, IS GREGARIOUS, DUTY MINDED, AND LIKEABLE BUT
HE CAN BE MISLEADING, OVER CONFIDENT, SUSCEPTIBLE TO
FLATTERY, AND NAIVE ABOUT MATTERS ON WHICH HE WAS NOT
EDUCATED IN HIS YOUTH.

AN ESCORT INTERPRETER IS RECOMMENDED TO DO NECESSARY INTER-
PRETING AND TO HELP WITH THE SCHEDULE AND TRAVEL. FOREIGN
MINISTER, NSEKALIJE IS USED TO VIP TREATMENT AND SHOULD
CONSEQUENTLY RECEIVE ALL POSSIBLE ATTENTIONS. ALTHOUGH
A PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER, HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO VISIT
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

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4. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS/
FUNDING TO BE HANDLED BY GOR. GRANT WILL BEGIN IN NEW YORK
CITY AND TERMINATE IN WASH D.C.

5. SUGGESTED PROGRAM: AS NOTED REF (B) FONMIN WILL BE
AVAILABLE FOR EIGHT DAY PERIOD OCT 8 THRU 15. WHILE HE
HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SPACE RELATED SUBJECTS AS WELL AS
RURAL DEVELOPMENT, EMB BELIEVES HE WOULD WELCOME OPPOR-

TUNITY TO SEE AS LARGE CROSS SECTION U.S. LIFE AS POSSIBLE
IN BRIEF PERIOD. FINAL DAY (PRIOR DEPARTURE FOR OFFICIAL
VISIT TO CANADA) SHOULD BE DEVOTED WASH CONSULTATIONS.
SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

FRIDAY OCT 8 -
DEPART NEW YORK FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
EVENING AVAILABLE FOR CULTURAL EVENT.
SATURDAY OCT 9 - A.M. TOUR SAN FRANCISCO.
AFTERNOON DEPART FOR LOS ANGELES. MEET WITH UCLA AFRICAN
STUDIES CENTER (INCLUDING RWANDAN STUDENTS IF POSSIBLE)
SUNDAY OCT 10 - VISIT DISNEYLAND
MONDAY OCT 11 LEAVE LOS ANGELES FOR DENVER (OR OTHER
MIDWESTERN CITY) MEET WITH ACADEMICS OR OTHERS ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT
TUESDAY OCT 12 - LEAVE FOR HOUSTON A.M. TOUR NASA SPACE CENTER
WEDNESDAY OCT 13 - LEAVE HOUSTON FOR NEW ORLEANS. VISIT
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN AREA, IF POSSIBLE. EVENING - CULTURAL
EVENT.
THURSDAY OCT 14 - ADDITIONAL VISITS IN OR AROUND NEW ORLEANS
(E.G., ACTION - VISTA) P.M. DEPART FOR WASH DC
FRIDAY OCT 15 - CONSULTATIONS. INTERESTED WASH AGENCIES.
SATURDAY OCT 16 - A.M. DEPARTURE FOR OTTAWA.

6. FONMIN TOLD CHARGE SEPT 2 THAT PRESIDENT "PERSONALLY
VERY PLEASED" WITH PROSPECTS VISIT. FONMIN ADDED HOWEVER
THAT IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MAKE TRIP ALONE AND SUGGESTED
THAT GOR INTERPRETER AND FONOFF DIRGEN SYLVESTRE KAMALI
ACCOMPANY. WHEN IT NOTED THAT USG ESCORT WOULD ALSO SERVE
AS INTERPRETER, NSEKALIJE SOMEWHAT MOLLIFIED BUT INSISTS
THAT A GOR AIDE BE WITH HIM. EMB RECOMMENDS DEPT CONCUR
KAMALI TRAVEL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) THERE DISTINCT
POSSIBILITY FONMIN WOULD NOW CANCEL RATHER THAN TRAVEL ALONE
(ALTHOUGH WHEN TRIP POSSIBILITIES FIRST DISCUSSED HE
UNCONCERNED LACK SECOND GOR TRAVELER); (B) INCLUSION KAMALI
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UNLIKELY RESULT PARTIAL IV COSTS EXCEEDING THOSE REGULAR
FULL TERM IV; AND (C) AS FONOFF DIRGEN BILATERAL AFFAIRS
AND AID MATTERS HE A KEY OFFICIAL QUALIFYING IV STATUS.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING PROPOSED DETAILED ITINERARY
FOR PRESENTATION FONMIN ASAP.
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